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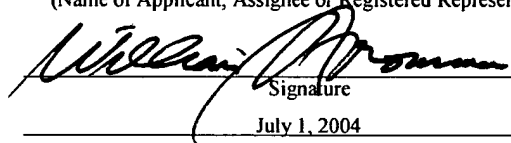
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2004, wherein restriction was required as follows:

Group I claims 1-6;

Group II claims 7-10;

Group III claims 11-16; and

Group IV claims 17-20.

The reasoning set out in the Office Action explains the basis for the Examiner's requirement.

Applicants elect, **without traverse**, Group I claims 1-6 for further prosecution in the present application.

Applicants reserve their right to file a divisional application to re-present nonelected claims 7-20.

An early examination on the merits of the elected claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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